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SUMMARY: REPORT ON CREDENTIAL ( ITEM 5) APPROVED

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WITHOUT COMMENT. RE ORGANIZATION WORK FUTURE GC SESSIONS, GENERAL AGREEMENT REACHED TO HOLD TWO- WEEK ANNUAL SESSIONS NAIROBI IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH. CONSENSUS OF AGREEMENT RE PREP COMM. AND/ OR INTER-SESSIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS NEGATIVE AND CHAIRMAN PROMISED TO REPORT AT AM SESSION JUNE 21 AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH BUREAU AND LEADER OF REGIONAL GROUPS. HUMAN SETTLEMENTS ( ITEM 9) DISCUSSED INCONCLUSIVELY IN ABSENCE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION AND WILL BE TAKEN UP LATER. END SUMMARY

2. IRAN - MADE PLEA FOR EXPERT PANELS TO PRODUCE SUBSTANTIVE REPORTS FOR THE COUNCIL AND STRESSED DESIRABILITY DRAWING TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM LDC' S. FREQUENCY OF GC MEETINGS RELATED DIRECTLY TO PROGRESS OF WORK IN SESSIONAL COMMITTEES. STRESSED DESIRABILITY OF GC " POLITICAL ROLE" IN MAKING DECISION ON UNEP PROGRAMS/ PROJECTS.

3. U. S. - URGED TIMELY DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS. FIRMLY OPPOSED NOW SETTING UP STANDING COMMITTEES/ EXPERT GROUPS AS WELL AS INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS. SAW NO NEED FOR ESTABLISHMENT PREPARATORY GROUP FOR GC AND APPROVED ANNUAL NAIROBI MEETING.

4. AUSTRALIA - ANNUAL TWO- WEEK NAIROBI MEETING ACCEPTABLE. NO MORE THAN TWO SESSIONAL COMMITTEES TO MEET DURING GC. STRESSED THAT PAPERS FOR GC CONSIDERATION MUST BE IN GOVERNMENT HANDS NO LATER THAN MID- JUNE 1974.

5. INDIA - SPECIFIED TEN WORKING DAYS FOR NEXT GC MEETING BUT POINTED OUT STRONG POSSIBILITY OF LONGER GC SESSIONS IN FUTURE. NOTED LDC' S CANNOT PAY FOR SENDING EXPERTS TO UNEP MEETING AND HOPED MONEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE. PREP COMM. MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE OPEN ENDED. THOUGHT THAT 37 MEMBERS OF PREP COMM. MINIMUM NUMBER. STRESSED PAPERS SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED SIX WEEKS BEFORE GC.

6. NETHERLANDS - REITERATED ITS " TENTATIVE PSOTION" UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR ESTABLISHMENT ADVISORY PROGRAM COMMITTEE TO ASSIST PRESENT DEVELOPING PROGRAM. AGREED THAT GC MEETING ONLY ONCE A YEAR NEEDS SUCH A COMMITTEE TO THOROUGHLY EXPLORE PROPOSED PROGRAMS/ PROJECTS. FUNCTION THIS COMMITTEE " TO PREDIGEST MATERIAL" AND FORMULATE AND ADVISE FOR GC. SUCH COMMITTEE WOULD CONSULT WITH EXDIR AND SHOULD OF " REASONABLE SIZE" AND COMPOSED

OF ADEQUATE NUMBER OF EXPERTS. SAID THIS NOT NOW TIME TO DECIDE BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MENTION OF PROPOSALS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN FINAL REPORT.

7. URUGUAY - PROPOSED AT GREAT LENGTH ESTABLISHMENT OF ANOTHER BODY BETWEEN GC AND EX SEC.

8. SWEDEN - STRESSED DESIRABILITY OF KEEPING ARRANGEMENTS FLEXIBLE AND NOT INSTITUTIONALIZING FORMULATION OF EXPERTS COMMITTEE. SUGGESTED THAT SOME SORT OF PREPARATORY GRUP MIGHT GATHER IN NEW YORK TO REVIEW PLANS FOR GC II. ANTICIPATED THAT EXPERT GROUPS WOULD MEET BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT MARCH TO ADVISE EXDIR.

9. JAPAN - STRONGLY ENDORSED U. S. POSITION ON INTER-SESSIONAL COMMITTEE. ALLOWED THAT IF NECESSARY RESUME GC SESSIONS MIGHT BE CALLED, BUT EMPHASIS ON DESIRABILITY THAT SUCH EXPERT COMMITTEE WOULD BE PROGRAM ORIENTED AND PARTICIPANTS WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES.

10. CANADA - EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF PRECISE, MEANINGFUL AGENDA WITH ADEQUATE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. CONSIDERED PREP COMM., AT BEST, AS EXCEPTIONAL MEASURE THAT SHOULD NOT BECOME PERMANENT. CITED EX DIR' S NEED FOR EXPERT GROUPS AND HOPED THAT MANY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. STATED THAT NO DECISION SHOULD NOW BE MADE ON INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS.

1. KENYA - CONSIDERED THAT SOME SORT OF EXPERT COMMITTEE WOULD BE NECESSARY.

12. FRANCE - SUPPORTED U. S. POSITION GENERALLY. STRESSED NECESSITY FOR PRAGMATIC APPROACH AT THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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TIME. ENDORSED USE OF EXPERT COMMITTEE AND POINTED OUT PRACTICALITY NECESSITY OF HAVING CLOSE RAPPORT BETWEEN EXPERTS' VIEW AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

13. BRAZIL - SAID THAT GC WOULD NOT DELEGATE ITS POWERS TO INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE. RECOGNIZED THAT COMPOSITION OF SUCH COMMITTEE MUST BE MADE WITH DUE REGARD TO

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